
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

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Division of Narcotics Enforcement

History

In 1970, the Iowa General Assembly approved the establishment and funding of a new division within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to be known as the Iowa Division of Narcotics and Drug Enforcement (DNDE). One of the primary functions of the DNDE was to establish cases on major drug traffickers within the State of Iowa. Another function was the seizure of illegal drugs, also known as undercover drug busts.

In 1978, the DPS was reorganized and the DNDE was moved as a bureau under the newly formed Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). However, in 1987, the DNDE was reestablished as a separate division and renamed the Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE). The DNE has since served as the lead agency for the enforcement of laws related to narcotics and controlled substances in the DPS.

Current

The DNE has 35 sworn agents located at 18 offices throughout Iowa with a primary duty to investigate drug trafficking organizations. These agents work with state, local, and federal law enforcement and drug task forces operating throughout Iowa. The DNE performs drug trafficking investigations, clandestine laboratory investigations, gang investigations, pharmaceutical diversion investigations, and provides training to local police and fire departments. The DNE agents also provide outreach and training to community organizations and local investigators.

Funding

The DNE receives a General Fund appropriation of approximately \$8.4 million for 67 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. In addition, the DNE receives approximately \$209,000 from the General Fund for the purchase of a small amount of narcotics in an effort to build intent-to-deliver cases and to pay confidential informants for information related to ongoing investigations.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [661](#)

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More Information

Department of Public Safety Division of Narcotics Enforcement: dps.iowa.gov/divisions/narcotics-enforcement

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